



SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN



At approximately 7:50 A.M. on June 25, 2010, a serious personal injury occurred at an underground coal mine located in Wise County, VA. The victim was seriously injured when he became caught between the rib and the left drill boom of a Fletcher dual head roof bolter. The operator stepped into a “pinch point” area while the roofdrill was still in operation. The drill operator received a fracture to his left femur that required surgery to repair.

Recommendations:

To assure that you have a safe work environment, the following recommendations may help prevent similar incidents from occurring.

- No miner shall place himself or be placed in a pinch point between equipment and a rib or face.**
- Always perform Pre-Operational examinations of equipment before placing equipment into operation. Equipment issues/concerns should be reported immediately to your supervisor for necessary corrective action.
- Self propelled equipment shall be maintained in a safe operating condition.
- Always remain vigilant and be constantly aware of your surroundings.

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